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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER THANKS USG FOR PL 480 ASSISTANCE

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FEBRUARY 21 LETTER TO
AMBASSADOR FROM PRIME MINISTER RE USG'S
PL 480 ALLOCATION FOR SRI LANKA:

2. QTE I WRITE TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
LETTER OF 20TH FEBRUARY, 1975 WHICH CONTAINS
AMONGST OTHER THINGS THE INFORMATION THAT THE
UNITED STATES WILL BE PROVIDING 100,000 TONS
OF PL 480 WHEAT FLOUR TO SRI LANKA THIS YEAR.

3. QTE IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR ME TO EMPHASISE
THAT I AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA
FEEL THAT HIS IS INDEED A VERY FRIENDLY GESTURE
AND IS OF SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT TO US IN A DIFFI-
CULT SITUATION WHERE OUR CROPS HAVE BEEN VERY
BADLY AFFECTED BY DROUGHT. THEREFORE, THIS AID,
WHICH IS COMING WHEN IT IS MOST NECESSARY, WILL ALL
THE MORE BE APPRECIATED. I AM ALSO AWARE
OF THE OTHER CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SRI LANKA WHICH
ASSISTANCE IS INDEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUN-
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TRIES. I AM SURE YOU WOULD CONVEY THESE SENTIMENTS

TO YOUR GOVERNMENT. END QTE.
VAN HOLLEN

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